



# COLLEGE REPORT

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The rising tide of student protest is a matter of deep concern these days. A glance at American college history shows that students have always expressed their opinions in an active and, sometimes, violent manner.

Boring studies and oppressive discipline plagued college students in the colonial period of United States history. Generally, the temperament of these students, up to the time of the Civil War, can properly be called "bawling." Records of this portion of American college history are filled with colorful examples of violent student reactions to the oppressive discipline they encountered on colonial campuses.

"Students were wont to express their displeasure with their tutors by stoning their windows or attacking them with clubs if they chanced out after dark," wrote Ezra Stiles, the 1777 president of Yale. He likened the "Young Gentlemen" on campus there to "a bundle of Wild Fire not easily controlled and governed."

YALE students went on strike in a so-called bread and butter rebellion in 1828. Two years later, the sophomore class refused to study a newly established course in mathematics. The resulting fracas was termed the Conic Section Rebellion by Yale historians.

Hand in hand with student attacks upon faculty members were the constant rivalries between students and town residents. Yale students, in particular, specialized in these "town and gown" riots.

In 1841, Yale students staged what came to be called the First Firemen's Riot. In this street fight, students cut the fire hose into innumerable pieces, overturned the engine, and strewed fire-fighting apparatus about the town and college grounds. Compared to two later instances of student activity, this 1841 riot seems as mild as the protest of Harvard students against the abandonment of diplomas written in Latin.

OBJECTING to the conduct of a number of undergraduate students at a New Haven theater, a group of "townies" in 1854 picked a fight with them. During the battle, a bartender was killed by a student's knife. Four years later, during the second Firemen's Riot, a student shot and killed one of the firemen.

Princeton students outdid Yale by using gunpowder on a number of occasions to blow up sections of college buildings.

In the high-spirited South, even fewer restraints prevailed among students. For example, in North Carolina students rode horses through their dormitories and quite literally "shot up" the place. Celebrating Washington's birthday in 1804 with a great drinking bout attended by students and faculty alike, one young instructor achieved the lauded feat of getting drunk twice.

SHOOTING, blocking stagecoaches, and singing ribald songs in front of churches are reported from the University of Virginia during that era. On occasion, students there went even further and assaulted and whipped members of the faculty. In the course of the riot of 1842, a professor was shot and killed by an undergraduate.

A similar outrage was the murder of President Jeremiah Chamberlin of Oakland College in Mississippi. During the excitement of a political discussion of the 1850 Compromise, a

drunken and enraged student stabbed him to death.

The introduction of new methods of instruction and systems of reasonable discipline gradually succeeded in civilizing the young barbarians who populated the American colleges of a century ago.

The problem is that because of delays in laboratory tests, narcotics and drug users are being set free. The Sheriff's Crime Lab simply cannot keep up with the demand for accurate and speedy service by various police agencies across the county.

By BURTON W. CHACE  
County Supervisor

A critical problem faces our courts today, and every avenue is being explored by county supervisors in an effort to solve the dilemma.

This action was taken on my motion, and this one of the times I believe additional personnel costs are justified.

LAST WEEK, Supervisors called for a study of a "circuit chemist" concept to get at the heart of the problem.

Our first step was to approve the addition of four crime lab technicians, working out of the central laboratory, and increased overtime. The Sheriff advises us this will alleviate the problem somewhat.

These chemists could be equipped with portable labs or they could work out of the central lab — but they would be flexible enough to travel immediately to the areas with the big backlogs and speed up the analyzing process.

Because of legislative action last year, persons illegally using pills classified as drugs are being charged with felonies instead of misdemeanors. This means preliminary hearings on these cases must be held in municipal courts.

AS A RESULT, a heavy burden has been placed on the municipal courts and it is vital that the chemical analysis showing that the pills are drugs be used as evidence.

The case load has become so great, the time lag on chemical analyses in these cases is exceeding the legal requirements for the preliminary hearing. This means judges must dismiss many cases because the evidence has not been analyzed.

If this plan proves feasible as those over 65 have paid their fair share of taxes throughout their productive years, and it is a strain on those with fixed incomes to have to cope with full property taxes.

After supporting schools for two generations, the board believes those in the fixed income bracket have paid their share.

If we could get some meaningful legislation out of Sacramento on welfare costs, everyone could get assistance on property taxes.

TAX BREAKS for senior citizens have been supported by the Board of Supervisors in an effort to assist those hardest hit with the rising property assessments.

The board's position was that

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**Comer In La Week**

Showcase Theatre five-week run of melodrama "Love Rails" this week. Performances Friday 8:30 p.m., at 137th Ave., Hawthorne.

Directed by and Smith as the villain Darkway, "Rail" Morland Cary plays "bad guys" attempt control of the town owned by timid well (Darlene K demure daughter (Jo'an Miller).

Darkway and h Sneath (Dan Kub by hero Truman (Ruck), loyal r Standfast (Joe their one-time crine, sultry C (Carol Kubib).

Boos, cheers, a popcorn for eating all add to a play family viewing.

Audience particl keynote in this t features the acti Anderson, J. Rakes, Lee Cuffl ton, Steve Dault Wallace and incl piano music by Ju

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Torrance High the gift of an in engine from the Br Corp. The engine a training aid Thompson's Pow class, a vocational to train boys for upon high school.

Dr. Carl R. A called the gift "forethoughted ind faith in education bond which will

In connection w William Plutte, t in Southwest dist tative, visited th and toured the ics shop. His com vorable and he view that the er well placed in th by the parent cor

**Homeov Plan Meeting**

Highlight of meeting of the rance Homeovn was a report by of the flood con Reports were all committees form such problems streets and side library and city o

On the agenda meeting will be by the flood con of Los Angeles rance City floor and programs the southeast are

The organizat Monday at 7:3 Adams School G. W. 238th St.

The associat area of Torrance north by Sepul and on the we Boulevard.

**Vandal Fire In Area S**

Vandals brok Elementary Sch ning, ransacking and setting fire pers in the vic fice. Fire dep estimated the d

Suspects enter door of the adm ing, possibly u police said. T rampage includ dical suppli nurse's office.

Arson invest two students at were seen shortly before t